

Boys Varsity Basketball 2004-2005 - Winter 2004-2005

Team Photo



Description

2004 - 2005 Season Recap

The boys' varsity basketball team met its team goals this season by defending the New England Prep School Class "C" Crown. It is hard for this author to put to words what this team means to him. So many of the players put their individual achievements aside for the good of the team. Four different players led the Bulls in scoring multiple times this season as the ball was shared evenly.

Holderness earned some big wins this season by beating the defending Class B champion Tilton School 70-51, as well as defeating Saint Andrew's from Rhode Island three times. The Bulls set a school record for earning 20 wins this season ending the season on an eight-game winning streak. Three seniors will be missed next year, as four-year starter Greg Johnson will be play at Hofstra, backcourt mate Gerald Carter will join the Red Foxes of Marist, and Martynas Pocius will be off to play for Coach K and the Duke Blue Devils.

Roster

Tomas Balcetis (2006)
Gerald Carter (2005)
Rory Clifford (2006)
Jessie Geddes (2007)
Marc Gordon (2006)
Orane Gordon (2006)
Gregory Johnson (2005)
Nigel Malloch (2005)
Daniel Marvin (2008)
Martynas Pocius (2005)
Jeffrey Rudberg (2006)
Stanley Smith (2005)
Jesse Thompson (2006)
Benjamin Tomaszewski (2006)
Matt Tomaszewski (2007)
Scott White (2006)

Coaches

Jamie Gallagher
Randy Houseman

Schedule

12/1/2004 (4:00 PM) - Bridgton (Home)

(L) 104 - 85 - The Bulls ran out of steam down the stretch and fell today to Bridgton Academy. Holderness trailed 49-55 at the half and was plagued by foul trouble most of the second half.

Greg Johnson '05 had 17 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals. Gerald Carter '05 had 22 points and 5 rebounds. Martynas Pocius '05 had 27 points and 7 rebounds. Tomas Balcetis '06 chipped in 14 points. Holderness will travel to Groton, MA to face Lawrence Academy in a rematch of last years' New England Championship game.

12/4/2004 (2:30 PM) - Lawrence (Away)

(W) 71 - 64 - The Bulls dished out 16 assists on 24 field goals as they held off a pesky Lawrence Academy team today in Groton, MA.

Point Guard Greg Johnson '05 put together a fine all-around game with 20 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds and 5 steals. Gerald Carter '05 had 16 points and 4 assists. Martynas Pocius '05 also had 16 points, 4 assists, and 4 rebounds. Tomas Balcetis '06 helped the cause with 13 points.

The Bulls will rest Sunday and head to New Hampton to play the Huskies on Monday at 2:00PM.

12/6/2004 (2:00 PM) - NHS-A (Away)

(L) 89 - 80 - The Bulls played with heart and desire but feel short to a powerful New Hampton School team.

The three seniors all had great games. Greg Johnson had 24 points and 5 assists. Gerald Carter had 18 points and 4 steals. Martynas Pocius had 23 points and 5 three pointers.

Holderness if off until Friday they they play Brewster Academy at 5:30.

12/10/2004 (5:30 PM) - Brewster (Brewster Tournament) (Away)

(L) 116 - 85 - Holderness trailed by 8 at half time, but was unable to withstand Brewster in the second half. The Bobcat's from Brewster stormed out of the locker room and put the game away early in the second half.

Holderness will now face Lakes Region rival Proctor Academy in the Consolation game of the Brewster tournament.

12/11/2004 (2:00 PM) - Proctor (Brewster Tournament) (Away)

(L) 62 - 48 - In the Consolation game of the Brewster Tournament Holderness lost to Proctor Academy. The Bulls were unable to recover from a slow start and Proctor's hot outside shooting did not cool down.

Holderness will enter Exams with a record of 1-4. They will play Hebron Academy in the Proctor/Tilton Tournament at Proctor on the 17th.

12/17/2004 (6:30 PM) - Hebron (Proctor/Tilton Tournament) (Proctor)

(W) 65 - 41

12/18/2004 (9:00 AM) - Thayer (Proctor/Tilton Tournament) (Tilton)

(L) 62 - 55

12/18/2004 (12:30 PM) - Exeter (Proctor/Tilton Tournament) (Tilton)

(L) 69 - 67

12/29/2004 (7:30 PM) - Master's School(St. Sebastian's Tournament) (Away)

(W) 66 - 45 - In the semifinal round, Holderness defeated a hard-working Master's School (Simsbury, CT), thanks to a blend of effective transition and halfcourt games, as well as a stifling defense that forced turnovers and yielded rebounds. Up next in the final: Roxbury Latin School

12/29/2004 (11:30 AM) - St. Sebastian's (St. Sebastian's Tournament) (Away)

(W) 76 - 50 - In front of an enthusiastic St. Sebastian's home crowd, The Bulls downed the hosts, 65-50, advancing to the semifinals. Holderness hot a hot hand many as the Bulls were 13-19 from the three point line in the game.

12/30/2004 (7:30 PM) - Roxbury Latin(St. Sebastian's Tournament) (Away)

(W) 60 - 50 - Holderness captured its third Championship trophy at the St. Sebastian's Tournament, with a victory over the ISL's Roxbury Latin School. Greg Johnson copped tournament MVP honors, while Martynas Pocius and Gerald Carter earned all-tournament status. After a grueling front end schedule which included Class A powers New Hampton, Brewster, Bridgton, and Exeter, along with Class B juggernauts Proctor and Thayer, Holderness chalked up some important Class C wins on its way to the final. Class A Andover awaits upon return from vacation.

1/8/2005 (3:15 PM) - Rivers (Away)

(W) 56 - 32 - The Bulls put together a great team effort and held Rivers to just 32 points. Tomas Balcetis '06 (Vilnius, Lithuania) led the way with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Holderness will host Andover on the 12th of January.

1/12/2005 (3:30 PM) - Andover (Home)

(W) 82 - 55 - A packed house in Gallup Gymnasium welcomed the Bulls home for their first home game of 2005. The senior tri-captains for Holderness put on a show today.

Gerald Carter(New York, New York) had 14 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists. Martynas Pocius(Vilnius, Lithuania) had 29 points with 3 threes pointers. He also had 3 blocks and 4 assists. Greg Johnson(New York, New York) had 16 points, 7 assists and 6 rebounds.

Joseph Lokitis from Andover had 23 points with 5 three pointers.

The Bulls will stay at home this weekend as they host the Hornets from Proctor Academy Saturday at 3:30.

1/15/2005 (3:30 PM) - Proctor (Home)

(W) 80 - 75

1/19/2005 (4:45 PM) - St. Mark's (Away)

(L) 60 - 51 - Holderness ran out of steam after falling behind early. St Mark's was able to stake a big lead in the first half and held on for the win

1/21/2005 (7:00 PM) - Tilton (Home)

(W) 70 - 51 - The home crowd proved to be too much as the Bull's welcomed the Ram's from Tilton into Gallup Gymnasium. Holderness took a slim 34-27 lead into halftime.

Junior Tomas Balcetis (Vilnius, LTU) was 7-11 from the three point line and finished with 21 points. Senior Greg Johnson (New York, NY) had 14 points and 10 assists. Sophomore Matt Tomaszewski (Andover, MA) had 10 points and played a huge defensive game helping keep Tilton off the offensive glass. Mr. Everything Gerald Carter (New York, NY) had 9 points, 7 assists, and 5 steals. Senior Martynas Pocius (Vilnius, LTU) had 12 points, 4 rebounds and 6 assists. Martynas also picked up key 2 charges that helped the Bulls pick up a key win.

1/22/2005 (3:30 PM) - Proctor (Away)

(L) 76 - 72 - The Bulls put together a fantastic second half but were unable to come back today at Proctor. Down 7 at the half Holderness only allowed 10 second half field goals, but Proctor was able to get to the Free Throw Line 27 times in the second half.

Junior Tomas Balcetis (Vilnius, LTU) continued his shooting spree with 8 threes. He was 8-12 from the three point line and finished the game with 29 points. Senior Gerald Carter (New York, NY) had a great game with 14 points (5-10), 9 rebounds, and 6 assists. Senior Greg Johnson (New York, NY) had 17 points. Senior Martynas Pocius (Vilnius, LTU) had 12 points (4-8) with 2 threes and 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 blocks.

1/26/2005 (3:30 PM) - KUA (Home)

(W) 80 - 63 - Senior Greg Johnson (New York, NY) led the way for the Bulls with 27 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 assists. Senior Martynas Pocius (Vilnius, LTU) was 6-8 from the floor and had 16 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists. Senior Gerald Carter (New York, NY) just missed a double-double with 12 points and 9 rebounds.

1/29/2005 (4:00 PM) - GDA (Home)

(W) 81 - 53 - Holderness was led by Duke bound Senior Martynas Pocius' 29 points. Senior Gerald Carter had 19 points and Senior Greg Johnson had 12.

2/2/2005 (3:30 PM) - Middlesex (Home)

(W) 90 - 54 - For the fourth game in a row Holderness had a different leading scorer. Senior Gerald Carter paced the Bulls with 29 points. Junior Tomas Balcetis hit 2 threes on his way to 14 points. Seniors Greg Johnson and Martynas Pocius had 13 and 15 points each.

2/5/2005 (4:00 PM) - NMH-A (Away)

(L) 107 - 70 - Holderness had trouble matching up with the depth of Northfield Mount Herman's team. Senior Martynas Pocius had 32 points, while teammate Senior Greg Johnson had 21.

2/9/2005 (3:30 PM) - Tilton (Away)

(L) 65 - 61 - Holderness fell behind by 7 at the start of Overtime and was unable to mount a comeback, playing a deep and talented team from Tilton

Greg Johnson had 21 points and 8 rebounds. Martynas Pocius hit 3 threes and finished the game with 19 points and 7 rebounds. Gerald Carter dished out 6 assists, grabbed 8 rebounds and had 14 points.

Holderness will host The Dublin School on Saturday.

2/12/2005 (3:30 PM) - Dublin (Home)

(W) 90 - 78 - A balanced offensive explosion helped lead the Bulls past the Dublin School today in Gallup Gymnasium 90-78. Senior Gerald Carter was 2 assists away from a triple double. He had a great game with 21 points, 11 rebounds, and 8 assists. Senior Greg Johnson filled stat sheet once again for this game. He had 20 points, 7 rebounds, 7 steals, and 3 assists. Senior Martynas Pocius was very economical with his shots, he was 10-14 from the floor and finished with 24 points. Junior sharpshooter Tomas Balcetis found his touch and connected on 4 three pointers and had 22 points. Holderness will host the #1 team in New England Saturday the 19th when the Saints from St Andrew's come to Holderness for a 1:00 tip-off.

2/19/2005 (1:00 PM) - St. Andrew's (Home)

(W) 79 - 66 - The Bulls picked up a huge win today as the Saint's from Saint Andrew's fell 79-66.

The three seniors stepped up today in a big way.

Gerald Carter did a little bit of everything, he had 14 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 blocks.

Martynas Pocius had 24 points and was 5-8 from the three point line. He also had 4 assists and 2 blocks.

Greg Johnson attacked the rim all day and finished with 23 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists.

Junior Tomas Balcetis had a double- double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

2/22/2005 (3:00 PM) - NHS-B (Home)

(W) 88 - 68 - Stan Smith and Nigel Malloch entered the starting line-up for Holderness today. Both Seniors responded with baskets in the first 5 minutes of the game. They helped the Bulls race out to a 42-36 halftime lead.

Gerald Carter had 24 points 8 rebounds and 2 assists. Martynas Pocius had 22 points 5 rebounds 3 assists and 2 blocks. Greg Johnson had double-double with 13 points 11 assists. Greg also had 6 rebounds and 4 steals. Junior Tomas Balcetis had 16 points 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

2/25/2005 (5:00 PM) - Dublin (Away @ CMS)

(W) 92 - 77 - Holderness Boys' Basketball would like to thank Jim Marrion and the rest of the great people at Cardigan Mountain School for their hospitality. The Bulls put on quite an offensive show Friday night.

Senior Gerald Carter had a great night with 38 points 10 rebounds and 9 assists. Greg Johnson had 17 points, 8 assists, and 5 rebounds. Tomas Balcetis had 15 points and 14 rebounds. Martynas Pocius chipped in 12 points.

2/26/2005 (4:00 PM) - St. Andrew's (Away)

(W) 84 - 83 - Holderness escaped Sage Gymnasium on the campus of St. Andrew's with a huge New England Class C win. A complete team effort helped the Bulls sneak past the Saint's.

Sophomore Matt Tomaszewski had 10 points including the last field goal with under 30 seconds to go in the game. Classmate Jesse Geddes had 2 huge three pointers in the second half and finished with 8 points. Martynas Pocius had 19 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists. Greg Johnson had 17 points, 13 assist, 5 rebounds, and 4 steals. Gerald Carter had 16 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. Tomas Balcetis had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

3/2/2005 (4:00 PM) - Brooks (Home)

(W) 75 - 53

3/4/2005 (5:30 PM) - St Andrew's (Rivers)

(W) 88 - 72

3/6/2005 (2:00 PM) - Saint Mark's (Rhode Island College)

(W) 62 - 55